

CHENOPODIUM CARINATUM ON CAPE COD.— In RHODORA, February, 1911 (Vol. 13, No. 146, p. 22) Mr. Frank S. Collins notes the collection of *Chenopodium carinatum* R. Br. in Eastham and Truro, Cape Cod, which appears to be the first report of this plant in New England. Mr. Collins has given in his article a good description of the plant which need not be repeated here and the object of this note is to put on record some additional information regarding it.

I find in my herbarium specimens collected in Wellfleet, August 2, 1886 and August, 1887 which I took to be immature *Chenopodium Botrys* L. and labeled accordingly, thus showing that the plant has been on Cape Cod for at least twenty-seven years.

The only other report of this species in the United States that I have been able to discover is in Watson's Botany of California in which it is said to have been introduced from Australia. That it should have jumped across the continent from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic is one of the mysteries of plant distribution but being a rather inconspicuous and weedy herb it has been doubtless overlooked in other localities. In its younger stages it closely resembles *Chenopodium Botrys* and as I have passed it by as this species other collectors may have done the same.

In September of the present year I looked up the occurrence of the plant in Truro and found it abundant along a road and spreading down to a saltmarsh beach. It was also very abundant as a weed in an orchard a half-mile away.— W. P. RICH, Boston, Massachusetts.

A SECOND EDITION OF BRITTON AND BROWN'S ILLUSTRATED FLORA.— The general plan of Britton and Brown's Illustrated Flora is so familiar that a review of the second edition¹ must of necessity be a comparison with the first. In both editions the greater part of the specific descriptions and the figures are identical. Aside from the introduction of 504 species which were not in the first edition and are now mostly interpolated with only a few words of comparison, the revision has consisted in large part of putting into practice Dr. Britton's recently expressed view in regard to the status of the subspecific categories,— the subspecies, variety and form. As expressed in the preface to the new edition of the Illustrated Flora (p. vii) his view is that

¹ An Illustrated Flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions. . . by Nathaniel Lord Britton. . . and Hon. Addison Brown. . . The descriptive text chiefly prepared by Professor Britton. . . Second edition — revised and enlarged. In 3 volumes. New York, Chas. Scribner's Sons. . . 1913.